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DIVISION OF
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Mr. Thomas J. Suchoski
Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining
1588 West North Temple
Salt Lake City, Utah 84116

Re: Calliham, Cane Creek,
Far West, Four Corners,
Happy Jack, Sage,
Standard #1 and Wood

Dear Mr. Suchoski:

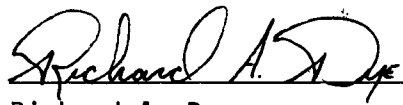
At the present time, seven mines of Atlas Minerals have not recieved tentative approval. In part this is due to the lack of revegetation test plots.

Rather than have test plots at each mine site, Atlas Minerals proposes to choose four sites which are representative of the various ecological zones that our mining interests are found in. In these plots various species of vegetation, both native and introduced, will be planted, experimented with and observed. The information gained from these plots will be applied to other mine sites which eventually will have to be reclaimed.

Site and test vegetation selection will be finalized by spring. At this time a complete summary of proposed methods and procedures will be finished.

I hope that this information will be sufficient to expedite this portion of the remaining reclamation plans.

Sincerely,


Richard A. Dye
Reclamation Engineer

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